

## **INTEGRAL PACKING HOUSING AND PACKING MATERIAL UNIT**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5        An integral packing housing and packing material unit; a method for packing replacement, boiler cleaning; and a method for maintenance of a desired boiler output rating. The integral packing unit includes a housing for removably holding a sacrificial  
10        packing material that is configured to form a steam seal between a sootblower steam tube and lance spindle when the packing unit is installed in an operative position in association with the steam tube and the spindle and the packing material is loaded by  
15        applying compression to the packing material. A compression unit is typically coupled to the housing unit to apply such compression to load the packing material while the packing unit is installed in the operative position. The packing unit may also include a detent mechanism, such as set screws, for unloading the packing material to facilitate  
installing the packing unit on, and removing the packing unit from, the operative position.